

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph.

[0027] The natural-language processor can process the mode of information to extract, from a database, a piece of information that is personal to the person. In one embodiment, the assistant can use some of the natural-language processing methods described in U.S. patent application Ser. Nos. 09/347,184, filed Jul. 2, 1999 (now U.S. Pat. No. 6,501,937) and 09/387,932, filed Sep. 1, 1999, (now U.S. Pat. No. 6,498,921) which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace paragraph [0036] with the following amended paragraph.

[0036] In one embodiment, the piece of information was entered into the assistant by the user. The piece of information can be entered through use of a keypad or keyboard or through voice. The assistant further includes a categorizer that stores the piece of information into appropriate areas in the database. To assist the categorizer, the person can identify a category. This can be done, for example, by declaring the following, "Entering new information into the address book." The natural-language processor will know that the next expression is particularly for entering information into the address book. The user can then declare, "Joe Montani's phone number is 650-1234567." As explained in U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/496,863, filed Feb. 2, 2000, (now U.S. Pat. No. 6,571,240) which is hereby incorporated by reference, after identifying the category an input belongs to, the input can be linked to that category. Similarly, in the present

situation, the categories can be the "name" and the "phone number" categories. After identifying both of them by the natural-language processor, the categorizer places "Joe Montani" into the "name" category, and "650" into the "area code" section and "1234567" into the "main phone number" section of the "phone" category. As in requesting for information, selecting context for entry can also be done indirectly. For example, the user declares, "Joe's phone number is 1234567. Then he states, "Meeting with him at 5 pm tomorrow." The context for the second piece of information can be switched from address book to calendar. Again certain information in the first entry can be retained for the second entry to resolve ambiguity in the second entry, which in this case is the name, "Joe".

Please replace paragraph [0043] with the following amended paragraph.

[0043] Additional details on natural language processing can be found in U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,934,910; 5,884,302; and 5,836,771; all of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference. Still further, additional details on natural language processing can be found in U.S. application Ser. No. 09/387,932, filed Sep. 1, 1999, (now U.S. Pat. No. 6,498,921) and U.S. application Ser. No. 09/496,863, filed Feb. 2, 2000, (now U.S. Pat. No. 6,571,240) both of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.